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OIL INDICATIONS AT CAMP CITY

Mr. Troxel Has Been Associated With the Oil Development of Chihuahua for Many Years.

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"The people of Camp city and vicinity believe that artesian water exists at the foot of the Sacramento, and to demonstrate this fact they formed the 'Deep Well Drilling Company' and made a contract with the Mayors to drill the well on 40 acres of land donated by Mrs. Camp at Camp city.

"The well was started and drilled to the depth of 1270 feet.

"The rumor of oil was whispered around the same time the drill became stuck in the hole 40 feet from the bottom. A month passed and the drillers were unable to extricate it. The company became impatient and demanded that the drillers either proceed with the work or deliver the machinery to some one who could release the drill and proceed with it. Water had risen to within 17 feet of the surface and the officers of the company were hopeful that they would strike artesian water.

Drillers Propositions Refused.

"The drillers in turn said that the drilling tools could not be released and that well must be abandoned. Then the drillers proposed that if the company would transfer the surrounding 40 acres they—the drillers—would guarantee a well on other lands. The company refused their terms and forced the drillers to deliver the plant to S. D. Camp and a new crew.

"All night before the new crew took charge the old crew spent in locating the country around the well—and the stamped start.

Foreign Composition Found.

"It is reported that Mr. Camp has since found several feet of slag mixed with railroad ballast in the well and below this several feet of white sand cement, but it is not known from whence this foreign matter and by whom was it thrown into the well.

Oil and Gas Comes From Well.

"If the motive was to conceal for a brief time evidences of oil and gas it has failed. The new force now has the well cleaned out within 300 feet of the bottom Friday night, and a considerable amount of gas was noticed at 5 o'clock. Oil is also visible on the water as it flows from the casing, and while this may be from the machinery it is far more likely to be from the well and to be a legitimate indication of the true oil measures.

Developments Soon.

"The next 24 hours will show what the bottom of the well contains and if the oil is found in there through blue shale, it will make the Camp city country look like a big promise of a new oil field and a few more feet may bring in a good well.

Physical Condition.

"The Camp city district is almost a level plain. Its eastern limit is a face of the Sacramento mountains over 3000 feet high, of carboniferous times, sand and shales. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of feet of material eroded from the mountains has covered the country around Camp city. No recent disturbances are in evidence to permit the reading of substrata and all that can be said is that the surface appearances are favorable for the storing of the oil.

Oil Seepages.

"Along the foothills of the Sacramento are oil seepages. On the opposite side of the mountains, along the line from Roswell to Toyah, some oil has been developed and the country offers the promise of a large area of high class oil. Oil has been produced to the south in Chihuahua at Ojima, and east of Jimenez, and it is not improbable that 'Dog Canyon' may become a large producing oil field."

CONSIDER CHEAP POWER FOR THE MOGOLLONS

Practically Inexhaustible Resources Offered as Inducement—Review of District's Work.

Mogollon, N. M., April 30.—The discussion of cheap power for the Mogollons invariably involves references to the large veins carrying bodies of low to medium grade ore, typical of which is the "Queen" or mother lode of the Cooney district. This immense fissure cuts persistently through all formations, with a general north and south trend for a distance of over 10 miles, frequently attaining a width of 50 to upwards of 100 feet. Its values are in the precious metals as far as explored, fully one-half gold, distributed through a good quartz. The ore deposition has doubtless taken place coincident with the mineralization of the east and west veins which branch from it and which have already yielded in excess of \$10,000,000 in gold and silver bullion and high grade concentrates from ore averaging around \$20 per ton in ledges four to 10 feet wide.

These ledges are so well mineralized, however, and were they not, there would be a question as to their being sufficient quantity of the second class rock to warrant the outlay incident to an extensive power installation. But the bodies of the Queen the question is reduced to selecting the best plan of the numerous under consideration.

The Socorro mines made good progress during the week on changing the Burt filter press operations from the power to the gravity system. Development was advanced 150 feet and 700 tons of ore milled averaging \$18 per ton. Five bars of bullion and 100 sacks of concentrates were produced. The high grade ore continues in the 300 foot level west.

Ernestine Mines Company.

The Ernestine Mines company produced 6710 Troy ounces of bullion and 61 sacks of concentrates and milled 715 tons of ore during the week. This company has also opened up a good body of sulphide ore on its 300 foot level west. The electric and water installations have proved satisfactory.

At the Deadwood mine development was advanced 40 feet during the past week, adding 60 tons of ore to the broken storage reserve.

With the Albion Mining company for the past week the drift in the Crescent tunnel shows a decided improvement, with the vein now measuring about 13 feet, although the underside in the hanging wall is still full of quartz seams. The Ida vein, on the surface, shows a junction at about this point.

At the Helen Mining company good progress is being made installing its pipe line, completion of which is expected within 30 days. Practically all the required material has been delivered at the plant at Graham. A crew of 25 men is engaged.

MACHINERY FOR OROGRANDE MINES

The Camp City Excitement Causes Interest in Local Field—Railroad Rumor.

Orogrande, N. M., April 30.—M. Marks the manager for Judge Duglin and associates, of Ft. Worth, on the old Texas-Jarilla placers here, has gone to Denver to select new machinery and equipment to install on the placers. He has recently installed a large boiler, and will buy a larger engine and a steam scraper. The trial run was satisfactory.

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EVERY INDICATION AT CAMP CITY IS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OIL

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had no trouble in sinking. Why that artificial material was put there is the question. Some people think it was done by some one to discourage us so we would abandon the well."

Capt. Mayo Experienced.

Capt. J. L. Mayo, the discoverer of the oil, still remains in his tent within 100 feet of the drill hole, and is eagerly watching operations.

"I have been," said he, "for 25 years drilling wells for oil and water, and have done a great deal of exploration in new and untapped fields, which is termed by our profession 'wild catting.' My first experience was at Palestine, Tex., where a company headed by Judge Raven and Geo. Wright, a banker, contracted with me to bore several holes, finding oil in all, but not in paying quantities, but our wells were shallow, the deepest only 500 feet.

"Next I was in Corsicana from the beginning of exploration till oil was struck and the field thoroughly developed. We had to go there an average depth of 1150 feet, striking gushers that spouted 150 feet in the air, the gas pressure being very strong. I was underdred on the first well contract by H. K. Johnson, president of the American Well and Prospecting company, and so lost the honor of first bringing in the oil there. "He is nearly a millionaire now. I bored 15 wells there and every one of them had oil in varying quantities.

"I next bored wells in the oil fields of Jennings, La., 120 miles east of Beaumont. There we developed at 240 feet, oil yielding a few barrels a day. Then

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Indications Fine.

"Now I want to say that in this well I bored here at Camp City, the drill passed through exactly the same material with the same indications as I found in all the successful wells I bored in Corsicana and Jennings. The showing here is as good as in any of them. In those fields we had the same gumbo and shale streaks as we have here. We had to drill through this gumbo to strike the sandstone caprock covering the oil basin. We must do the same here."

Correct Log.

"The log of the drilling here as published is incorrect. After we reached 300 feet, we had gumbo all the way to the bottom of the hole, with only a few light interruptions of slaty shale from five to 15 feet thick. At 500 feet we got from five to six feet of oil sand that carried small quantities of gas and oil. Then it was gumbo, gumbo, all the way down. The well is exactly 1266 feet deep.

Very Tough Gumbo.

"At the very bottom was a very heavy, tough gumbo of the consistency of beeswax, which had got steadily heavier and harder. I drilled four hours to go through four and a half feet of it. The last gumbo was strong in bituminous odor and feel. I believe if we had gone a short distance we would have hit the caprock over the oil basin exactly as at Jennings and Corsicana."

Oil at Estancia.

"I was prepossessed at once on coming here that this should be an oil basin, as I had already bored near Estancia up the head of this same valley and encountered good oil. If oil is found under this gumbo, as I firmly believe it will be, this will be one of the greatest and most extensive oil basins on the continent.

"This well is down only 1266 feet, remember, while at Jennings we had to go through 1800 feet of gumbo before getting a bit of oil or gas. There the underlying oil sand and pool was from 60 to 80 feet thick.

"I have had the practical experience in observing actual oil wells. I have bored scores of wells on grounds se-

lected by geologists and experts, but never struck oil in any located by them. Practical experience, in my opinion is better than theoretical science."

Can Penetrate Gumbo.

"This is a rotary drilling machine, and is the only kind that can go through gumbo. The Standard rigs were all failures in Jennings and other gumbo fields. The water under 200 pounds pressure does the work, and I make 250 feet a day."

Abundance of Seepage.

John Bennett, son of the late Col. Bennett, of Las Cruces, is in the oil field and reports that there is abundance of oil seepage in the foothills of Sacramento east of the well.

Enthusiastic Over Field.

Among the late prominent arrivals were Mr. Hardesty, of the Hutton Realty company, of El Paso; Frank M. Leland, of Phoenix, Ariz., and C. R. Troxel, of El Paso. Hardesty has already taken up some oil claims and will option others and has a company of associates ready to proceed to drilling. He is an experienced mining and oil man, and is enthusiastic over the oil field.

Frank M. Leland, a wealthy mine operator and expert, of Tonopah fame, was one of the most interested observers yesterday. "It certainly looks good to me," he said, "and I have a hunch that something wonderful is going to happen here in the next day or two. If oil is struck here it may be one of the biggest fields in the country, and there will be a big stampede here. It's one of the best and biggest gambles in the world."

Buying Up Options.

"I shall return at once from El Paso, and take a hand in this. I represent some of the heaviest mining concerns in Nevada and California. I have taken an option today on some oil sections at Camp City, and paid down a few hundred dollars for a 30 day option, and tomorrow will come back and option and locate all the claims I can get hold of. I like the physical conditions around here. Even if these drill holes should not all strike oil, they will strike water, and that will make this valley land worth hundreds of times the money spent in explorations."

Plenty of Water.

John Hunter has a strong well of fine water at 40 feet. "There is another water stratum at 80 feet and at 270 to 290 feet a stratum of water that rises to within 14 feet of the surface," said Hunter. This can be pumped for a mere song and irrigate hundreds of acres. It is the general belief that below the gumbo is a vast reservoir that will yield an oil gusher or artesian flow.

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Del Rio Tract Nets \$7500.

Orient Brings Business.

Man Is Held for Forgery.

Del Rio, Texas, April 30.—Jones brothers, truck and fruit farmers, who two years and a half ago bought 15 acres of irrigated land, paying \$3500 for it, have sold the tract for \$7500 cash. W. P. Cooper has also sold his irrigated farm for \$170 per acre cash. Business property on Main street is also very active and the prices are soaring. Residence property, improved and vacant, is meeting with a ready sale.

No change in the temperature here has been noted during the past few weeks, and the prospects for a large fruit crop are as good as ever.

Property is changing hands rapidly since it became known that the Orient railroad is to build here. Sweetwater, Texas, and many towns in Oklahoma along the Orient line are furnishing many of the investors. Hotel accommodations are lacking here.

Grading outfits are expected to start work north from here on the new road within 30 days.

The 15-month-old baby of a Mrs. Calvete was drowned by falling into the irrigation ditch.

A young man giving the name of T. Wesneski has been arrested and is now in jail awaiting a hearing, charged with forging the name of Dr. C. C. Young on a check. An attempt to cash the paper was made at the Del Rio National bank, where the irregularity was discovered. Dr. Young is general manager of the Mexican Land syndicate, and was recently appointed agricultural commissioner for the state of Coahuila, Mexico. He is at present in Mexico on business.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Snyder, of the Snyder Jewelry company, a daughter, at the Hotel Dieu.

SOXORA MINE BRINGS \$50,000.

Bisbee, Ariz., April 30.—William Chilis has returned to Bisbee, after the sale of his property located in Sonora. The property has been bought by a group of Pittsburgh capitalists for \$50,000.

Mrs. S. R. Comfort and daughter, Miss Florence, of Nacozari, Mex., have returned home, after a short visit to her daughter-in-law, living in El Paso.



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